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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 22 August 1953, the Bismarck Kaserne in Naumburg was occupied by about 200 troops. Restoration work on the installation was continued.
2. The Hindenburg Kaserne was still unoccupied by 22 August. Sentries were observed at the gates at night. Restoration work on the installation was carried out by soldiers from the Bismarck Kaserne. No vehicular traffic was noticed.
3. On 22 August, the Barbara Kaserne was occupied by about 200 to 250 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. No training activity was noticed. The troops were also engaged in reconditioning work.
4. On 22 August, the Nord Kaserne was also being reconditioned.
5. On 22 August, the Oberlandesgericht (superior provincial court) building appeared to have been occupied only by several officers, presumably supply officers. Only 2 or 3 rooms were lighted at night. The officers used sedans [REDACTED]

6. On 22 August, both the Bluecher Kaserne and Hubertus Kaserne quartered an estimated 600 to 800 men. The troops were engaged in fatigue duty only.

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7. At about 6 p.m. on 26 August, a heavy engineer unit of about 500 infantry troops and 15 x 57-mm AT guns on small and large amphibious cars crossed the Saale River about 1 km downstream from Naumburg near Schoenburg, having come from the direction of Plotha-Fossenhein. At the same time, a pontoon bridge was constructed under low-level attacks by 5 single-engine planes. The planes made eight approaches in half an hour. AAA arrived too late for defense. Artillery troops crossed the river at about 9 p.m. on 26 August. The troops came from the woods between Schoenburg, Fossenhein and Leisling, where they had moved into position of readiness prior to

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the arrival of the engineer troops. Six artillery pieces, infantry and mortars were shipped to the bridgehead over Neamentbruecke at the same time. At about 3 p.m. on 27 August, 15 field guns and howitzers covered by camouflage nets and 3 x 76-mm AA guns were observed near point No 124, at the Schellsitz windmill. On 27 August, 2 SU-76 guns to 225 were emplaced in firing position on either side of the Herne-Markrochlitz road, near kilometer marker 23.8 and 4 x 120-mm mortars were emplaced in firing position about 100 meters in front of the edge of the woods toward Weinberghaeuser, west of the road.

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8. At about 5 p.m. on 25 August, a train of 15 to 18 SS-type cars, each with a T-34/85 tank [redacted] 2 boxcars with about 40 to 50 soldiers and 1 flatcar with sideracks with 1 truck and 1 field kitchen passed through Camburg from the direction of Jena and proceeded toward Naumburg. Another train carrying 13 SP guns, presumably SU-100s, and 3 T-34/85 tanks passed through Camburg in the same direction at about 6 p.m. on 25 August. 2

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1. Comment. The report on the occupation of the barracks installation confirms the headquarters and headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps as well as the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were still at the Kindel troop training grounds on 22 August. [redacted]

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2. Comment. S [redacted] reported on the field exercise on the Saale River east of Naumburg. The trains reported [redacted] to have been en route toward Naumburg a day prior to the beginning of the exercise, [redacted] carried units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which are believed to have come from Kindel. Source of paragraphs 1 through 7 previously reported the entraining on 31 August of the units that had participated in the exercise. It is concluded that the motor vehicle [redacted] mentioned there presumably belong to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div [redacted]

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